



Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office



***Northeast Asia Policy Update
KW-CW AGB Oct. 16, 2008***



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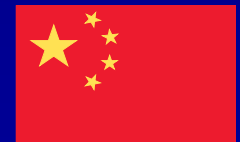


Korean War Personnel **Accounting Strategy**



Main Avenues of Pursuit

- Live-Sighting resolution
- Joint Field Activities in North Korea
- Identifying remains under U.S. control
- Field operations in South Korea
- Field operations in China
- Pursuing Chinese archives
- Pursuing oral history programs in U.S., China, Russia, and South Korea
- Exploiting Russian archives





North Korea: **What Has Changed** **Since October 2007?**

- U.S. Policy on DPRK
- DPRK Nuclear Program
- Six-Party Talks
- Normalization of Relations
- Inter-Korean Relations
- DPRK Leadership
- DPRK Succession
- Relations with the U.S.



Kim Jong IL



Kim IL Sung Statue - Pyongyang



North Korea **Policy Challenges**



- U.S. Government suspension of all operations in DPRK remains in effect
- No approval to propose talks to the DPRK at this time
- Resumption of JFAs requires interagency support and a policy decision
- Outlook has improved in 2008



Korean War Statue - Pyongyang



Anti-American propaganda poster



Progress on Korean War Accounting Effort in 2008



- Progress on identifying Korean War remains under U.S. control
- Two Probable U.S. Remains recovered in ROK during JFAs in 2008
- Planning for possible future resumption of JFAs in North Korea is continuous
- DPMO-JPAC DPRK ops planning meeting took place on 15 Oct. 2008
- ROK MND officials visited Hawaii & Washington in Aug. and will visit Washington in Nov. 2008



Excavation in North Korea



Chosin Reservoir



Plans for 2009: *South Korea*



- JPAC plans to conduct Four Operations
- Operations will follow up on leads, conduct witness interviews, search for possible burial sites, and recover remains of U.S. servicemen from the Korean War
- JPAC will work closely with ROK MND Agency for KIA Recovery & Identification (MAKRI) to develop new leads and interview witnesses
- Joint Forensic Reviews as required
- Bi-Annual meetings & exchanges with MAKRI
- Oral history program continues
- DASD plans trip to ROK in 2009





Japan



- Enhance respective WWII recovery efforts
- March: DASD visit to JA
- May 14-28: Joint visit to Attu Island; another visit planned for 2009
- May & August: JPAC operations on Iwo Jima & Kakeroma Shima
- Aug: MHLW delegation Visit to Washington





China Developments

- Nov'07: Sec Def met Def Minister...pledged closer support on military archival issues
- Jan'08: JPAC visited Beijing to discuss operational requirements & presented cases for consideration
- Feb'08: DPMO and the Ministry of National Defense signed an archival cooperation arrangement
- Apr'08: DPMO & PLA negotiated and signed a technical arrangement for archival cooperation (first ever visit by foreigners to the PLA Archives facility)
- May-Jun'08: JPAC operations postponed
- Sept'08: DPMO approves budget & provides funds for archival research



Signing event in Shanghai
(Feb 2008)



Negotiation in Beijing
(April 2008)



China 2009



- **Upcoming events for 2009:**
 - **Policy/Technical Talks**
 - **Joint Field Activity (JFA)**
 - **Archival Research Annual Talk**





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“ Keeping the Promise”